

Announcing a Photo Essay entitled “Memorial Library 1914-1918 Mount Allison University”



The Great War has been described as ‘the most catastrophic event in the history of Canada’. The response of the students of Mount Allison University to the Call of Country was unsurpassed in the British Empire. By the fall of 1916 one third of the student body were on the battlefields of France. 73 gave their lives for our freedom.

Just two weeks after the signing of the armistice, the Regents of Mount Allison “heartily endorsed the proposition of erecting a Library Building as a War Memorial in honor of Mount Allison students who have made the supreme sacrifice in behalf of our country”. Emblazoned in stone over the entry of this remarkable red sandstone landmark it read “Memorial Library 1914-1918”.

Dr. Marc Milner, Director of the Gregg Centre for the Study of War and Society, wrote: “It is not ‘simply’ a cenotaph, it is an icon of an age, the physical expression of that responsibility to remember.” The Minister of Wellness Culture and Sport offered to designate this handsome Andrew Cobb designed building as a ‘Provincial Heritage Place’. Yet the Mount Allison Administration objected and last November destroyed this cenotaph to

clear the ground for an Arts Centre.

Now the effort of Alumni and friends of Mount Allison to save their beloved historic Memorial Library has been portrayed in a 28-page photo essay conceived as an attractive coffee table book. A book launch will take place at the Sackville Farmer’s Market on Saturday, September 22nd.



We are taking orders for the purchase of this book. Purchase price is \$50.00 all inclusive. Add \$15.00 if delivery by mail is required. If you are interested in a purchase please send you name and address to:

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